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SUBJECT: FAA TECH EVALUATION

REFERENCE: STATE 098947

- 1. PLEASE PASS TO MR. J. H. SUH, AFCO, KCAB; MR. HONG, KCAB, ADVISED FAA THAT EPABX RFP HAS BEEN EXTENDED ONE MONTH FROM 4/18/78 TO 5/18/78. HE ALSO ADVISES THAT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY FAA BY 5/23/78. AS STATED EARLIER, IMPERATIVE THAT EPABX PROPOSALS BE RECEIVED BY FAA ASAP.
- 2. CURRENT ESTIMATE INDICATES FULL 60 DAY EVALUATION PERIOD WILL BE REQUIRED, AND ANY FURTHER DELAYS IN EPABX PROPOSALS MAY RESULT IN EXTENSION BEYOND 60 DAYS.
- 3. IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF RADAR/AUTOMATION PACKAGE AND ITS INTERFACE WITH OTHER SYSTEMS, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT RADAR/AUTOMATION CAN BE COMPLETED EARLIER THAN 60 UNCLASSIFIED

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DAYS. HOWEVER, ALL EVALUATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND FORWARDED TO MR. J. H. SUH VIA EMBASSY.

4. PARA. 4 OF REF. TEL. RECOMMENDED ACTION BY KCAB TO EXTEND PROPOSAL CLOSING DATES BEYOND 5/31/78. NEITHER MR. HONG NOR FAA HAVE RECEIVED ANY INDICATION OF ANY

SUCH ACTION. AS A ROUGH ESTIMATE THAT DATE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO AT LEAST MID-JULY OR PREFERABLY END OF JULY. THIS WILL PROVIDE FOR 60 DAY EVALUATION STARTING ABOUT APRIL 24 AND THEN 3 TO 4 WEEKS FOR KCAB TO REVIEW EVALUATION TEAM'S DATA AND FOR KCAB TO MAKE DECISION FOR CONTRACT AWARDS. REQUEST FAA BE ADVISED SOONEST THIS MATTER.

- 5. FAA TRAINING FOR KCAB PERSONNEL IS BEING COORDINATED AND RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED WITHIN A FEW DAYS. SINCE FAA TECHNICAL TRAINING AT FAA ACADEMY IS VERY EXTENSIVE GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH IS ESSENTIAL.
- 6. FYI FOR EMBASSY. FAA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT POTENTIAL KCAB STUDENTS PASS THE MINIMUM EMBASSY ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS. ALSO, ANY EMBASSY ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE TO KCAB RELATIVE TO MEANS OR METHODS OF OBTAINING LANGUAGE CAPABILITY WILL BE APPRECIATED.
- 7. KCAB BID PACKAGES MAILED IN ONE CARTON BY EMBASSY ECON ON 4/25/78 WAS RECEIVED BY FAA ON 5/2/78. THIS CARTON RECEIVED IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION ON THIS AND ALL RECENT MATTERS RELATING TO THE KIMPO PROJECT. CHRISTOPHER

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